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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FONOFF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. IRISH FONOFF IS CHANGING THREE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN US/EC CONSULTATIONS.

(A) EAMON GALLAGHER, FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT. THIS CARRIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE. WE HAVE ASKED GALLAGHER FOR FIRST BRIEFING ON SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER FEBRUARY 27 MEETING OF EURO/ARAB COORDINATION GROUP (DUBLIN 175). WE WERE PLEASED TO

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SEE GALLAGHER GET NUMBER-TWO POSITION IN FONOFF AT A YOUNG 49.

IN OUR EXPERIENCE, HE HAS BEEN FRANK, COMPETENT, AND OBJECTIVE.
HE PUTS IRISH INTERESTS FIRST AND, UNLIKE A FEW OF HIS COLLEAGUES,
HAS NOT BEEN AWED BY FRENCH.

(B) KESTER HEASLIP FROM IRISH MISSION BRUSSELS IS COMING
TO DUBLIN TO TAKE GALLAGHER'S OLD JOB AS HEAD OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

(C) JOHN KELLY, A BRIGHT YOUNG DEPUTY OF FINE GAEL PARTY, HAS
BEEN APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (JUNIOR MINISTER) FOR FOR-
EIGN AFFAIRS. HE WILL UNDERSTUDY FIONAN FITZGERALD. SO FAR, THERE
HAS BEEN NO DECISION ON DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN
THE TWO. RENDAHL

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